

I am Robert Mohr and Treasurer of a small history museum (Old Mystic History Center) in Old Mystic, CT. The extraordinary support that was provided to us and other arts and cultural entities during the last two years was vital in keeping many of the doors open during the pandemic. Though a small venue we are an important link to our past for local residents, in state, out of state and even international tourists and researchers. It would be a mistake to return funding to 2019 levels which would place our funding levels well below our neighboring states. Tourism is one of the major industries in Connecticut and should be supported by the state. The hope is that at least some of the increased funding seen during the pandemic can be preserved in the next and future budgets.